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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner's attention is directed to the references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation, copies of which are attached.

Japanese Utility Model Gazette No. S40-7049 is not in English. It is considered relevant because the disclosed invention relates to an album whereby various sized photographs can be inserted suitably. The invention is comprised of rectangular paper folded like a screen. Each panel of the screen has diagonal slits thereon to place photographs. Both end-panel have a narrow-width paper piece to fold back.

Japanese Utility Model Gazette No. S40-7051 is not in English. It is considered relevant because the disclosed invention relates to an album, a binder insert of which is made by folding a thick paper in two and has slits where corners of photographs are to be inserted. Since several sets of slits are formed to place photograph laterally, vertically or diagonally, a user can arrange photographs easily and suitably.

It is to be understood that the present submission of art is in no way intended to be a waiver of any arguments or defenses available to the applicant under the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the statutes of the United States.

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